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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EFIN, PFOR, GH, IBRD

SUBJECT: GHANA DEBT MEETING

REF: A. LONDON 12416; B. ACCRA 6476 (NOTAL).

1. BRITISH EMBASSY SAYS LEQUESNE MESSAGE TO CHAUFURNIER  
FORWARDED TO IBRD OCTOBER 22. IN IT LEQUESNE EXPRESSED  
ANXIETY THAT SHOULD GHANAIAI RESPONSE TO CREDITORS'  
COMMUNIQUE NOT BE FORTHCOMING BY OCTOBER 30, SOME CREDITOR  
REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE MADE PLANS WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE  
DEBT NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR CHRISTMAS. LEQUESNE STATED HE WAS  
AWARE MCNAMARA HAD SENT MESSAGE TO ACHEAMPONG REQUESTING  
PROMPT RESPONSE, AND HE ASKED CHAUFURNIER DO ANYTHING HE  
COULD TO EXPEDITE GHANAIAI REPLY.

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2. CHAUFournier HAS TOLD BRITISH REITTER REPORTED OCTOBER 22 THAT ECONOMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD NOT FORMULATE ITS RECOMMENDATION UNTIL OCTOBER 24, AND THAT NRC WOULD NOT DISCUSS GHANAIAAN REPLY PRIOR OCTOBER 30. REITTER OPINED THAT GHANAIAANS WOULD WANT TO MEET AT END OF NOVEMBER AND WOULD INSIST ON ACCRA AS LOCALE. IN RESPONSE TO LEQUESNE LETTER, CHAUFournier ALSO HAS WRITTEN TO ACHEAMPONG STRESSING INCONVENIENCE CAUSED FOR CREDITORS BY DELAY IN GHANAIAAN RESPONSE.

3. COMMENT: BRITISH EMBASSY SAYS IT HAS NO INFORMATION EITHER LEQUESNE NOR ANY OTHER CREDITOR REPRESENTATIVE ACTUALLY WILL BE UNAVAILABLE THROUGHOUT LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER AND EARLY DECEMBER. THUS APPEARS LEQUESNE MESSAGE ACTUALLY WAS INTENDED PUT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON GHANAIAANS TO RESPOND BEFORE OCTOBER 30 IBRD BOARD CONSIDERATION OF GHANA ROAD LOAN. BRITISH EMBASSY SAYS HMG HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY RECONCILING DIFFERING VIEWS VARIOUS MINISTRIES ON ACTION HMG SHOULD TAKE ON ROAD LOAN IF GHANAIAANS DO NOT RESPOND PRIOR OCTOBER 30 AND THAT THERE IS NO CLEARED BRITISH POSITION ON ROAD LOAN AT THIS MOMENT. KISSINGER

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